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## President's Message



*AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders, committed to advancing government accountability.*

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb but at the New Orleans Chapter of AGA it's seemed like the fierceness of March has been upon us since the year began. The year started with our annual informative Tax update on January 19 presented by IRS Representative Ms. Earline Brown. We then went straight to our New Years Social held on January 26 at The Dish on Hayne where members in attendance were treated to free cocktails and appetizers. It was a great opportunity for members to meet the Chapter Officers and network amongst each other.

Shortly thereafter we had our special February 8th meeting held at renowned New Orleans restaurant Commanders Palace where the topic "Challenges and Trends in LA State Government with focus on State budget and Government Operations" by Robert Travis Scott from the Public Affairs Research Council of LA gave an in depth workings of the Louisiana political process dealing with the annual budget. If you were not in attendance then you missed a thought provoking and eye opening discussion. It was a whirlwind 4-week span for the chapter with back-to-back events, which were a perfect lead into the Mardi Gras activities.

As we get into the Lenten Season we look forward to our joint meeting with the American Society of Women Accountants to be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Five Happiness Restaurant. The speaker will be Howard Schwartz the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Inspector General for Investigations with the City of New Orleans Inspector General's Office. His topic will be "Public Corruption and Fraud – New Orleans Style". Make sure you're in attendance, as this will be another informative and thought provoking discussion. Be on the lookout in late March for our request for donations for an Easter Basket to be presented to a local senior center and canned food drive for a local charitable organization. Your generosity and time means so much to those during this Lenten season.

Coming up in April members from the AGA national office will come to town April 16-18 for the Habitat for Humanity Community Service Project. We will be calling upon all AGA members to come out and support the national members and also show them our local hospitality during their stay. Members from the National Office will also be joining us on April 19 at Don's Seafood in Hammond for our joint meeting with the Baton Rouge Chapter where Evelyn Brown National President-Elect will be the guest speaker. We look forward to a strong support from our New Orleans members at this event.

In closing I would like to remind members that **Membership renewal for the 2012-2013-membership year**, is currently undergoing. We look forward to having all our members renew their membership to take part in all that AGA has to offer to you. Chapter Officers will be calling you in the coming weeks reminding you to renew your memberships. The New Orleans Chapter will also be sending out a Chapter Satisfaction Survey so that you the members can grade us on how were doing and what we can do better to serve you. Remember the strength of the Chapter is dependent on engaged members. We are here to serve you!

The **March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Five Happiness Restaurant, 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118 at 5:30 pm.** The cost will be \$28 for members and \$30 for non-members. We will have a raffle for two tickets to the Hornets game on Saturday April 7, 2012 featuring Kevin Love, Ricky Rubio and the Minnesota Timberwolves. Please RSVP [klloyd@lla.la.gov](mailto:klloyd@lla.la.gov), [fmartin@lla.la.gov](mailto:fmartin@lla.la.gov) or [Patrick\\_Nedd@msn.com](mailto:Patrick_Nedd@msn.com) by Friday March 23, 2012.

*Patrick S. Nedd,  
MBA*

### New Members

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Tonya Hill

Janice Jones

Tanya Nettles-  
Evans

Ronnie Rodriguez

Lisette Savoie

Jennifer Spence

Annette Totty

AGA operates under a national-chapter partnership with its 100 chapters located throughout the U.S., Guam, Japan, Puerto Rico and Saipan. AGA is governed by a National Board of Directors (NBD), which includes regional leaders and chapter presidents. AGA's 16-member National Executive Committee (NEC) acts for the NBD, meeting quarterly to discuss strategic issues. The day-to-day operation of the Association is handled by the National Office, headquartered in Alexandria, VA, with 28 employees reporting to an executive director who reports to the AGA National President. More than 800 volunteer members serve the Association through committees, boards, and chapters.



## NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER OFFICERS 2011-2012



*(seated left to right) Gloria Samuels, Kimberly Henry, Patrick Nedd, Linda Lewis, Faye Martin (standing left to right) Christopher Lewis, Knica Lloyd, Gary Millet, Marcie Tureaud, Jason Harris, Thomas Sylvester*



Peggy Javery is Chief of Customer Support in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's Controller Operations Division (COD). She has more than 10 years of financial management experience. Her career has included progressive supervisory and leadership positions including Chief of Staff for the National Finance Center. She has a proven track record in staff development, USDA-wide training, customer relationship management, implementation, strategic planning, project management, business development, financial audit, and policy and product procedures.

Ms. Javery possesses a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. She also has a master's degree in Public Administration (Dean's List) from Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Javery earned a financial certification with the Association of Government Accountants in 1998 as a Certified Government Financial Manager. She accomplished the Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification, May 2009

Ms. Javery achievements comprise: USDA's Leadership Award, winning the Office of Management Budget's A-76 Competitive Sourcing-Department of Agriculture's Most Efficient Organization for Telephone/Utility and Energy Reporting, recognized by the Chief Financial Officer for automating processes, which earned her the Office of the Chief Information Officer Summit Award. She developed a business case on Centralizing USDA's Travel Relocation at a cost savings of \$2 million annually.

She joined the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) in 1998. Ms. Javery held several positions in the local Chapter, Regional, and National. AGA local Chapter executive committee as President, Co-Education Chair, Website Coordinator; Regional Vice-President, Regional Coordinator for Education, and National as Senior Vice-President At-Large.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012.

**Guest Speaker:**

Howard Schwartz,

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

City of New Orleans, Office of Inspector General

**“Public Corruption and Fraud – New Orleans Style”**

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**Friday, March 23, 2012.**

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**Event Date:** March 29, 2012 (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Networking with Cash Bar  
6:00 PM Dinner Meeting

**Location:** Five Happiness Restaurant  
3605 S. Carrollton Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

**Menu:**

**Buffet Style:**

Egg Rolls, Chicken Wings, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Pecan Shrimp,  
General Tso Chicken, Triple Dragon in Garlic Sauce,  
Beef w/Snow Peas & Mushrooms, Combination Fried Rice

Iced Tea, Water & Coffee

**Member Cost: \$28/Non-Member Cost: \$30**



## **March 2012 Guest Speaker**

### **Mr. Howard Schwartz**

Howard Schwartz retired from the FBI in April of 2011, after 23 years of service. He was the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division. Howard then joined the City of New Orleans' Office of Inspector General as the 1st Assistant Inspector General for Investigations.

During his tenure in the FBI, Howard directed all Public Corruption investigations. He provided direct oversight in the prevention of potential Government fraud in excess of \$20 billion dollars in connection with the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico from the Deepwater Horizon. He provided direct oversight in the prevention of potential Government fraud in excess of \$31 billion dollars in connection with the rebuilding of the levees in New Orleans, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. After the storm, Howard initiated and led the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force.

He has provided training to more than 3,500 law enforcement personnel domestically and 1,500 internationally. Howard has been the key speaker, trainer, and instructor for multiple national and international conferences and symposiums on public corruption and fraud. For his work, Howard has received both the prestigious Attorney General of the United States Award for Fraud Prevention, and the Director of the FBI's Award for Distinguished Service.

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# **AGA – New Orleans Chapter 2011-2012 Community Service Plan Planned Community Service Events**

1. School Supplies – August 2011 through September 2011 – **Completed**  
Assist Orleans Parish Schools by donating school supplies to help needy  
(Most deserving school will be selected by the Community Service Chair)
2. Susan G. Komen – Race for Cure - Saturday, October 22, 2011. **Completed**  
AGA team to run for a cure.
3. Thanksgiving – Canned and Dry Goods – November 17, 2011. **Completed**  
  
Replenish the Second Harvesters Food Bank of Greater New Orleans –  
November 17, 2011 Monthly Meeting
4. Toys for Tots – Adopt-A-Child. **Completed**  
Christmas Gifts for Needy Children – December 2011
5. Children’s Hospital “A Child is Born” Bring Love Peace and Joy  
University Choir/Quartet Singing Christmas Carols to hospitalized  
children –December 2011
6. Rebuilding Together New Orleans ([www.rtno.org](http://www.rtno.org)) . **Completed**  
Assist with revitalizing houses for the elderly, disabled, or families with  
children – TBD
7. Dress for Success – SOS “Send One Suit” Week  
Accept donations of slightly used clothing for disadvantaged women  
entering the workforce – TBD
8. Win a Mural Contest!  
College students from the surrounding Universities and/or Colleges are  
chosen to create a Mural for the winning Elementary, Middle or Secondary  
School by essay entry.
9. On-going Community Service Collections  
Slightly used DVDs for area Nursing Homes  
Magazines for Nursing Homes  
Cell phones for Battered Women  
Personal Care Products  
Slightly used clothes for mission centers

**Association of Government Accountants  
Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)  
Annual Plan for the New Orleans Chapter  
2011-2012**

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**GOAL 1 – Support Current CGFMs**

- ❑ Publish CGFM member's achievements in newsletter and local newspapers.
- ❑ Partner with other organizations and/or governmental entities to promote the CGFM designation.
- ❑ Recognize local CGFMs by using the CGFM designation in chapter publications, name tags, etc.
- ❑ Contribute items to chapter newsletter such as CGFM recognition, study suggestions, encouragement, and technical requirements.
- ❑ Publicize new CGFMs in chapter and local publications.

**GOAL 2 – Market CGFM Locally**

- ❑ Encourage employer policy change to recognize CGFM.
- ❑ Solicit endorsements of CGFM from area employers and elected officials.
- ❑ Coordinate with the Regional and National coordinators to assist in promoting the Chapters goal.
- ❑ Contact area government accountability leaders.
- ❑ Create an awareness of the value of CGFM to the general public.

**GOAL 3 – Assist Potential New CGFMs in Attaining Certification**

- ❑ Coordinate study groups.
  - ❑ Develop a mentoring program.
  - ❑ Develop other study options.
  - ❑ Develop a plan in the Chapter to offer CGFM courses.
  - ❑ Provide a CGFM Examination Scholarship.
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## RECOGNITION POINTS 2010-2011

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through February 2012
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	2,825
Education & Professional Development	4,000	2,000
Certification	4,000	1,575
Communications	3,000	4,057
Membership (Early Career and Student Members)	4,000	2,250
Accountability	2,000	50
Community Service	2,000	1,800
Awards	1,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>14,557</b>

# AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings

## 2010-2011

Date	Time	Location*	Speaker & CPE
November 17, 2011	5:30 P.M.	Smilie's Restaurant 5725 Jefferson Hwy. Harahan, LA 70123 (504) 733-3000	Joe Luchenta, Director Strategy, Policy & Research Dept New Orleans Business Alliance 1 CPE
January 19, 2012	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center Executive Dining Room 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	Internal Revenue Service Earline Brown, Tax Update 1 CPE
February 16, 2012	11:30 A.M.	Commanders Palace 1403 Washington Avenue New Orleans, LA	Robert Travis Scott, President, Public Affairs Research Council of LA 1 CPE
March 29, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants 1 CPE
April 19, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Don's Seafood 1915 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403	Joint Meeting with Baton Rouge Chapter Speaker: Richard O. Bunce AGA National President 1 CPE
TBD	5:30 P.M.	Green Acre's Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Avenue Metairie, LA	Crawfish Boil/Chapter Awards Ceremony
TBD	5:30 P.M.	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Baseball Game

\* Tentative – Locations and Speakers based upon availability



ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS  
NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2012

ASSETS

**CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH	\$ 2,504.96
SAVINGS	3,368.81
DEPOSITS	0.00
PREPAID SEMINAR	0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$5,873.77</u></b>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**LIABILITIES**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 0.00
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**NET ASSETS**

MEMBERSHIP	\$ 460.32
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	-
HURRICAN RELIEF FUND	1,923.83
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,101.35
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(611.73)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,873.77</u></b>

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED

**OPERATING REVENUES**

EDUCATION	\$ 0.00
MONTHLY MEETINGS	3,005.25
50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLES	107.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	228.35
SPONSORSHIP	0.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>14.35</u>

**TOTAL REVNEUES**

**\$3,354.95**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

EDUCATION	\$0.00
MEETINGS	3,939.68
50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	27.00
POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS	0.00
PDC EXPENSES	0.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00
SCHOLARSHIP	0.00
DONATIONS	0.00
OFFICER EXPENSES	<u>0.00</u>

**TOTAL OPERATING  
EXPENSES**

**3,966.68**

OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)

**\$(611.73)**

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